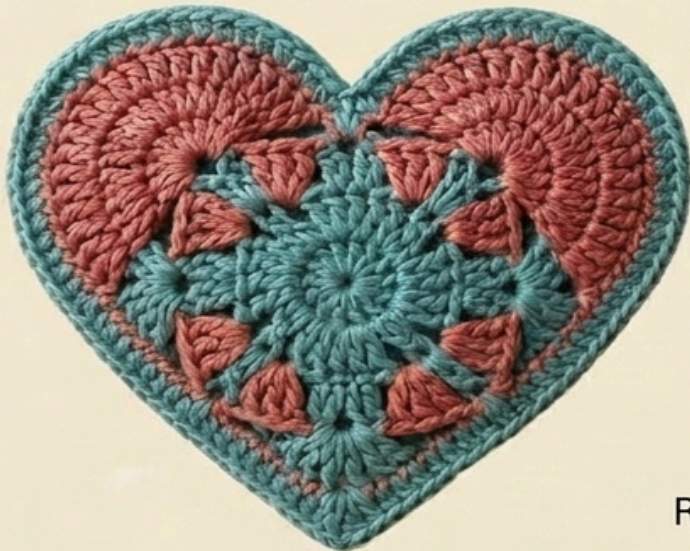


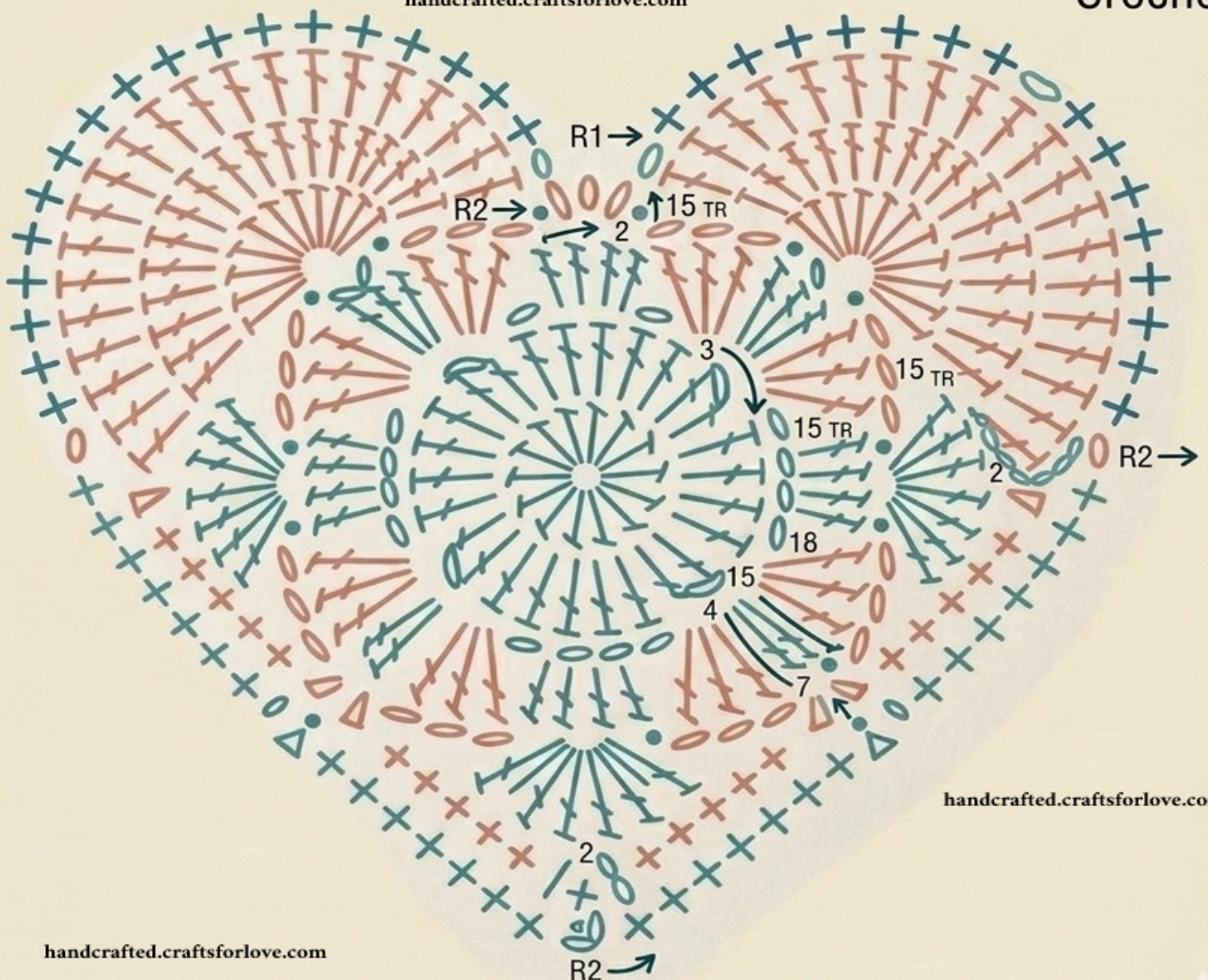
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Crochet Heart Motif Tutorial

Create a beautiful heart-shaped crochet motif using this chart-based pattern. This tutorial translates the crochet diagram into a complete written guide in English so beginners and experienced crocheters alike can follow along from start to finish.



-  Magic Ring
-  Chain
-  Slip Stitch
-  Single Crochet
-  Half Double Crochet
-  Double Crochet
-  Treble Crochet
-  Double Treble Crochet
-  Increase
-  Decrease Crochet



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Materials Needed

- Worsted weight cotton yarn in 2 colors
 - Color A: Teal/Blue-Green
 - Color B: Dusty Pink
- 4.0 mm (G/6) crochet hook
- Scissors
- Yarn needle for weaving ends
- Stitch markers (optional)

Crochet Abbreviations Used

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- inc = increase
- dec = decrease
- st = stitch
- sp = space

Before You Start ✨

This heart is worked in rounds from the center outward. The project begins as a circle and gradually forms the heart shape using increases, curves, and pointed edges.

The chart uses:

- Teal stitches for the structural base
- Pink stitches for decorative shell sections

Make sure to count stitches carefully after every round.

Round 1 — Create the Center Circle

Using Color A:

1. Make a Magic Ring.
2. Ch 3 (counts as first dc).
3. Work 15 dc into the Magic Ring.
4. Pull ring tight.

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5. Join with sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3.

You should now have:

- 16 dc total

Round 2 — Build the Inner Circle

1. Ch 3.
2. Work 2 dc into each stitch around.
3. Join with sl st.

You should now have:

- 32 dc total

This increase round helps the circle stay flat.

Round 3 — Begin Heart Shaping

Still using Color A:

1. Ch 3.
2. Work:
 - 1 dc in next stitch
 - 2 dc in next stitch
3. Repeat around.
4. Join with sl st.

You should now notice the circle becoming wider.

Round 4 — Decorative Pink Shell Sections

Switch to Color B.

1. Attach yarn in any stitch.
2. Ch 4 (counts as first tr).
3. Work 14 tr into the curved section shown on the chart.
4. Create shell clusters:
 - 2 tr in one stitch
 - ch 1
 - 2 tr in same stitch
5. Repeat around upper curved areas.

These shell sections form the rounded top lobes of the heart.

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Round 5 — Create the Upper Heart Curves

Continue with Color B.

1. Work dc stitches evenly across shell sections.
2. Add increases at the outer curve points.
3. Use ch-1 spaces between shell groups.
4. Join with sl st.

The top arches of the heart should now appear clearly.

Round 6 — Shape the Center Dip

Switch back to Color A.

1. Attach yarn at the top center between the two rounded sections.
2. Work:
 - sc
 - hdc
 - dc decreases toward the middle
3. Create the inner “V” dip of the heart using decreases.

Important:

- Do not pull stitches too tightly here.
- The center indentation should remain soft and rounded.

Round 7 — Build the Bottom Point ▼

Continue with Color A.

1. Work dc stitches evenly around sides.
2. As you reach the bottom center:
 - Work 3 dc together to form the point.
3. Continue upward on opposite side.
4. Join with sl st.

You should now clearly see the full heart shape.

Round 8 — Outer Border

Using Color A:

1. Ch 1.
2. Work sc evenly around entire heart.
3. Add:
 - 3 sc in top curves

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 - 3 sc at bottom point
- 4. Sl st to join.

This border smooths and sharpens the final shape.

Optional Finishing Round ✨

For a cleaner edge:

1. Ch 1.
2. Work reverse single crochet (crab stitch) around the entire heart.
3. Join and fasten off.

This creates a polished decorative border.

Finishing the Project

1. Cut yarn leaving a 6-inch tail.
2. Pull yarn through final loop.
3. Weave in all loose ends using yarn needle.
4. Gently shape heart with hands.

Optional:

- Lightly block the motif using steam or water blocking.

Tips for Success

- Count stitches every round.
- Use stitch markers at the top center and bottom point.
- If edges begin curling:
 - Add slightly looser tension.
- If the heart looks wavy:
 - Reduce increases slightly.

Skill Level

Intermediate Beginner

A confident beginner can complete this project by following the chart carefully and reading each round step-by-step.

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Finished Size

Approximate size using worsted yarn:

- Width: 5–6 inches
- Height: 5–6 inches

Size changes depending on yarn and hook used.

Creative Ways to Use Your Crochet Heart

- Wall decorations
- Valentine's Day gifts
- Pillow appliqués
- Tote bag decoration
- Baby blanket motifs
- Garland pieces
- Coasters
- Handmade cards

Final Thoughts

This heart motif combines classic circular crochet with elegant shaping techniques to create a soft, symmetrical heart. The layered shell details and rounded curves give it a beautiful handmade appearance that works wonderfully for gifts and decorations.

Take your time with the shaping rounds, especially the center dip and bottom point, and your heart will come together beautifully from the first stitch to the last.